

Western Zone System Planned For All Germany



Books From Holland

Children of Holland were so pleased with school supplies sent them by Canadian children they have sent 6,000 copies of a book entitled "Behind the Dunes and Dikes" for distribution in Canadian schools. Former Prime Minister Mackenzie King is shown accepting a token copy of the book telling of everyday life in the Netherlands from Tina Van Roijen, 13-year-old daughter of the Netherlands ambassador. Seated atop a pile of the books is four-year-old William Van Roijen, the ambassador's son.—(CP Photo)

Signs Of Break In '4-Power Filibuster'

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PARIS—As the foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, France and Russia returned to their pink marble palace on the Avenue Foch this afternoon for another session, the sixth of their present conference, there were signs of an approaching break in what a member of one delegation described Friday night as "a four-power filibuster."

Their three and a quarter hour sitting Friday evening had started out along the lines of the other: a restatement, for about the fifth time, by Andrei Vishinsky of Russia's plan for German unity under tight four-power control, criticism of that plan and requests for more detailed information by Dean Acheson and Robert Schuman. (Ernest Bevin did not speak.)

Then the mood changed.

1. The west let it be known it is ready to submit a concrete plan of its own for Germany. Second, Mr. Vishinsky let it be known he is amenable to a certain amount of compromise.

As a result there is today renewed hope that the conference may achieve some sort of limited working arrangement for Germany, although there is still little chance of a full settlement.

The West's intentions were made known by Mr. Schuman, who said he would make proposals in specific and written form. Their starting point could already be seen (presumably this means they will include the West's already stated insistence that there must be no backtracking from the democracy Western Germany has been given and that any four-power control of the country must not be made unworkable by a veto system.

Today it is learned that the written proposals will not be French alone but will be in the form of a single submission on behalf of all three Western powers. Western experts are known to have been working long hours all week polishing up such a document. It may be ready Monday.

Inclined To Compromise

Mr. Vishinsky, for his part, went what, for a Russian, is a fair way toward conciliation. He said that:

1. Russia's plan for Germany was based on "agreed documents" (presumably chiefly the Potsdam agreement), but this might have to be changed and he would like to hear his colleagues' suggestions for changing it.

2. Although his proposed Allied control commission must keep certain exclusive powers, an all-German state council would have important matters to deal with from the start and its scope could grow (previously he had proposed it should be concerned only with economic, not political matters).

3. Perhaps the West might propose something else that would lighten the atmosphere surrounding Germany.

4. He was not himself one to yield easily, but his will was not necessarily decisive in this meeting, and amendments to his plan might be suggested which might prove acceptable.

This apparent conciliation does not involve any backing down from Russia's insistence on the "principle of unanimity" (the veto power), in the proposed control commission.

Suffolk Scratches

Second race—Censured, Freedom Girl.
Third race—First Command.
Ninth race—Quick Chance.
Inmate, Image of Love.
Weather cloudy; track heavy.

Request A.F.L. Head To Avoid Extending Deepsea Ship Strike

By Canadian Press

With 3,500 United Kingdom dockworkers already out in sympathy with the striking Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.), a British union official is scheduled to make an appeal to head off a possible boycott of British shipping in North American ports.

Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the British Transport and General Workers' Union, said in London Friday night that he would cable William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him to refrain from taking any action that would further aggravate the strike situation.

"I shall ask him to advise the affiliates of the A.F.L. that we are doing our best to bring the dispute to an end—and to get our people to carry out their work and unload Canadian ships," Deakin said.

"We do not regard the dispute as one in which we are concerned. It is a matter for the American unions to deal with."

On Friday Green cabled Deakin's union a request not to support the Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) in its dispute with the rival Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) for control of deepsea shipping jobs.

Accept Wage Cut

CHICAGO (AP)—About 450 workers in a Chicago tool plant have agreed to take a 20 per cent wage slash to help the company "enjoy prosperity." Business and orders are below par, officials of the Avildsen Tool and Machine Company said, and a cut in overhead was necessary. The non-union workers, who averaged about \$1.61 an hour, agreed to do their part.

Business In Shanghai Now Getting Back To Normal

SHANGHAI (AP)—This largest city under Chinese Communist rule was returning to normal today after the long siege and disruption of its economic life.

But the complex problems attendant to the running of a metropolis of 6,000,000 persons, already were beginning to be felt.

Communist officials have not set the rate for their new currency, the jen min piao.

Consequently, merchants who are rapidly reopening their places of business won't take the old Nationalist currency, which was afloat in great volume before the Communists took the city.

The open-money market already was dealing in Communist money along with Chinese silver dollars and United States currency. These three are all merchants will accept.

Railway service between Shanghai and Nanking was getting back to normal.

Newspapers said the Shanghai-Nanking line has only a 10-day supply of coal.

Another problem is shipping, without which Shanghai cannot live.

Foreign and Chinese shipping lines were trying to get in touch with the proper Communist authorities to negotiate resumption of service. Foreign air line officials here were doing the same thing.

The Shanghai Power Company has fuel oil for only 16 days. During the last few months its oil supplies have been paid for with E.C.A. Foreign Exchange.

The Red regime will face a critical situation unless more oil can be obtained speedily.

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Weather Forecast
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New Minister

Nathaniel P. Davis (above) of Princeton, N.J., has been nominated by President Truman to succeed Selden Chapin as the new U.S. Minister to Communist-dominated Hungary. Chapin resigned after his recall had been demanded by Hungary on the ground that he had conspired with Josef Cardinal Mindszenty.

—(NEA Photo)

Miser's Fortune Found Hidden In Hot Water Boiler

MONTREAL (CP)—The story of a fortune of \$320,000, hidden in a rusty hot-water boiler by an aged man, came to light today, just a month after his death.

The money was mostly in small bills.

Revelation of the fortune, now deposited in a bank by the man's niece, was another strange aspect to the life of a strange, miserly man.

Joseph Napoleon Belanger was often seen on the streets of Montreal wearing old, shabby clothes, his shoes laced with wrapping string. He was known to many persons only as "Hot Dog," because he was always eating them.

Belanger died April 29 from injuries suffered when a two-story shed collapsed on him at the rear of his home on Hutchison Street. He had insisted on repairing the shed himself to save money.

Last October Belanger and his 35-year-old niece, Miss Alice Belanger, were nearly asphyxiated by gas fumes from a stove in their home. They both recovered after a long stay in hospital.

The niece said that in addition to the money found, it now is known her uncle had property valued at possibly more than \$150,000.

Glasgow Shipyard Gets Ferry Order

GLASGOW (CP)—An order for a new passenger-cargo steamship for Canadian Pacific service between Vancouver and Nanaimo, B.C., has been placed with the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, it was learned today.

The 6,000-ton vessel, 340 feet long, is designed to carry 1,500 passengers and 130 automobiles. Construction will start immediately.

First announcement of plans to build the ferry was made in Nanaimo May 19 by George H. Baillie, vice-president for the railway's Pacific region.

Execution At Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—Kaoru Okuma, a commander in the Japanese navy, yesterday was hanged for the beheading of U.S. prisoner-of-war on Kairiru Island, near New Guinea, in 1944.

Plan May Be Laid Before Vishinsky In Paris Today

PARIS (AP)—The three western foreign ministers participating in Big Four conferences in Germany met this morning in an unheralded session.

The meeting of Ernest Bevin of Britain, Dean Acheson of the United States, and Robert Schuman of France had been in session for an hour before the Foreign Office confirmed that it was in progress.

It was considered likely the western ministers were putting final touches on their own proposals to be brought before the four-power meeting.

An informed source said Friday night the western plan was to be laid before Foreign Minister Vishinsky of Russia today. This was not officially confirmed.

"Basic idea of the western plan is to extend over all Germany the governmental system now in force in the western zones. This would bring the Bonn constitution into the Russian zone as a replacement for the Soviet design now in force there."

The Russians have given no indication that they would find the western model acceptable. Vishinsky has proposed instead that the old allied control council be re-established and that, under it, a new German agency be created to handle subjects passed on to it by the four powers—if they could agree on any. Failure of the four powers to agree in the past on the operation of control over Germany, Britain, the United States and France to set up the separate system for the three western zones.

Berlin Strike Discussed

British sources said the western ministers also are discussing Berlin's latest situation, resulting from a strike of German railmen employed by Soviet-appointed authorities which began a week ago.

The strike has led to a pile-up of rail traffic. The effects of all this, in the western view, is that a minor blockade of the western sectors of Berlin has come about.

The three ministers presumably were to decide today whether they should take joint action in the conference room by protesting to Vishinsky that Russia is breaching the New York agreement which ended the blockade.

The western delegates can either bring up the whole matter in the conference or they can send Vishinsky a stiff note of protest. The first course is considered by British sources to be more likely.

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VANCOUVER (CP)—A city employee and former Olympic bicycle star was killed Friday night in a suburban Burnaby when he came in contact with a 60,000-volt power line.

Dead on arrival at hospital was Leo Marchiori, 51, of Vancouver. He was found by a British Columbia Electric Company employee, lying about 30 feet from a power tower carrying a line from the Stave Falls power plant.

Police said Marchiori was clearing brush land near Hoidom and Broadway.

First indication of the accident was recorded when a short circuit occurred at Stave Falls.

Chained Boy Freed

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP)—A father today faced charges of unlawfully mistreating his 15-year-old son after police said they had freed the boy from the back of a truck where he had been chained for two days.

Police identified the father as Otto Daft. They said the boy told them his father had beaten him with a belt and kicked him and tied him up to keep him from running away from home.

Exchanges Close

NEW YORK (AP)—Major security and commodity exchanges in the United States today began their summer schedules under which most of them will be "closed" each Saturday until Oct. 1. All domestic markets also will be shut Monday for the Memorial Day observance.



New Play Ride Thrills Children

A new, easy-spinning merry-go-round at Central Park is proving popular with children of the neighborhood. The ride was installed by city parks workers a few days ago, and is proving so popular others may be purchased. Low to the ground, the merry-go-round revolves on a centre stem fixed solidly in the ground. There is little chance of anyone getting hurt as the children spin the wheel in coaster fashion.

Liberals Leading In Newfoundland Polling

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The Liberal Party held the lead today as the flow of returns from Friday's Newfoundland provincial election speeded up in mid-afternoon.

They had won five of the 27 seats at stake in the island's first election as a province of Canada and led in the early counting in the two-member constituency of St. John's West.

The Progressive Conservatives won one seat and led in four. An Independent won another seat. Election in one constituency, Labrador, has been deferred to July 25.

One of the two Progressive Conservatives trailing the Liberals in St. John's West—the most heavily-populated constituency with 19,586 eligible voters—was Harry Mews, the party's provincial leader.

U.K. Buys 410,000 Cases Of B.C. Canned Salmon

OTTAWA (CP)—Completion of negotiations between Canada and the United Kingdom for the purchase of 410,000 cases of British Columbia canned salmon from the 1949 pack was announced today by the Fisheries Department and Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British food mission to Canada.

The contract, which will bring Canada \$7,000,000, is the outcome of trade talks between Trade Minister Howe and U.K. government officers when Mr. Howe was in London a few weeks ago.

It is the first time in two years that Britain has made a purchase of canned salmon from Canada. Sir Andrew said the U.K. "was

greatly pleased" at completion of the contract.

Shipments will start during the second half of 1949. Negotiations were conducted in Ottawa between a special representative of the British Ministry of Food in London, Sir Andrew and officials of B.C. canneries.

The price paid per case is understood to be lower than that received by the canneries for their product last year on the open market, when the pack amounted to about 1,250,000 cases.

This year, however, the pack is larger—about 1,600,000 cases—and the fact that there is more salmon to sell is expected to compensate for the lower price received.

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\$14,000 In Gold Found In Cans In Miner's Home

BRALORNE (CP)—Sealed in tin cans, a \$14,000 cache of "sponge" gold has been found in a miner's house here by British Columbia police.

It was stolen from a locked strongbox in the office of the Bralorne Mines Ltd. here during the Easter week-end.

Police raided the home of Gregory McGregor, 40-year-old miner, Friday night and located the cans, which had been sealed with a home canning outfit. McGregor is in police custody, pending investigation.

The house was searched following a report that two children had found high grade ore in the vicinity of McGregor's home. The cans contain 500 ounces of gold.

The Bralorne Mine, one of British Columbia's biggest producers, is 100 miles north of Vancouver.

Princess Elizabeth Returns To London

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (Reuter)—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left here today by air on their return to London after a three-day visit to Northern Ireland.

On their way to the airfield a crowd of some 10,000 people broke through the police barriers and brought the royal car to a temporary stop.

Cheering men and women cried "God bless you" and "Come back to us soon."

Crew Removed From Freighter Triland

VANCOUVER (CP)—The strikebound eastern Canadian freighter Triland today was crewless.

Under heavy police guard, four Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) members still aboard the ship were taken through striking Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) picket lines from the West Indies Dock in North Vancouver.

Pickets jeered as heavily-guarded automobiles moved out of the dock gate.

Other crew members of the Triland, scene of a furious battle Thursday when 15 masked men raided the ship, had left the vessel earlier. In the Thursday battle, six seamen were injured.

A spokesman for the S.I.U. said the crew had been removed for "security and other reasons."

Bow, Arrow Hunting Outlawed In B.C.

Hunting of any game with bow and arrow in British Columbia now is prohibited by law.

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Two five-man delegations from the British Columbia Electric Railway and the Street Railwaymen's Union (A.F.L.) met with the mayor.

Mayor Thompson is scheduled to leave Tuesday for Quebec to attend the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities convention, but he said today he would cancel the trip if a transit strike is imminent.

A. E. Grauer, president of the B.C.E.R., expects some definite announcement by Tuesday. He refused comment on the present negotiations, saying: "I don't want to rock the boat."

S.R.U. officials are armed with authority to call an immediate strike.

Three thousand streetcar, trolley coach and bus employees in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster have rejected a conciliation board majority recommendation and voted in favor of strike action.

They seek an immediate change from a 46 to a 40-hour week, with no change in take-home pay, and an additional 8 1/2-cent an hour wage boost. The conciliation board award recommended a 40-hour week by July 15, 1950, and no additional wage increase.

Explosion Injures 5

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, B.C. (CP)—Five men suffered slight burns when the engine of their logging company launch, the Lake Spray, exploded today at the government wharf here. The explosion set the craft afire and it burned to the waters' edge.

Island Deer Bag Limited Cut From Three To Two

The seasonal bag limit for deer on Vancouver Island has been reduced for 1949 from three to two.

Provision for this was made in the 1949 game regulations which have been passed by the provincial government. The reduction was recommended by the game commission to which representations had been made by organized game associations on Vancouver Island.

At the same time the government effected a similar reduction for deer in the Salmon Arm and North and South Okanagan electoral districts. In a portion of the Kamloops electoral district the seasonal bag limit has been reduced from two to one.

The game regulations for 1949 have also been amended to give authority for any person holding

a firearm license to shoot racoon, skunk and wolverine. This followed complaints of racoon doing damage on Vancouver Island as well as on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The bag limit for elk and moose have been changed so that now only one of either animal may be taken by a licensed hunter. The open seasons for moose in the Cariboo, Lillooet and Kamloops electoral districts have also been changed and the districts split up.

For the first time in history an open season, for a short period, has been provided for wapiti or elk on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

A change is also made in the open season for mountain goat in the Cranbrook, Columbia and Fernie electoral districts. The season now will begin Sept. 1.



World Banker

Eugene R. Black, above, of Atlanta, Ga., former vice-president of New York's Chase National Bank, succeeds John J. McCloy as president of the World Bank. Black served under McCloy, who was named U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, as executive director of the U.N. fiscal institution.

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That document, now the basic law for West Germany, contains democratic guarantees similar to those of the British and U.S. systems of government.

Britain, the United States and France also called for the ending of military government by the enactment of a four-power occupation statute—or temporary peace treaty.

Foreign Minister Vishinsky of Russia received the western proposals at the sixth meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference.

U.S. sources quoted Vishinsky as saying the western plan looked like a "fait accompli" by the three western powers and was one-sided. He indicated it would be "unacceptable" to the Russians, but said he would study it and take it up at the Monday meeting of the ministers.

Early this week the two German Communist delegates to the convention which drafted the Bonn constitution refused to sign it.

Under the western plan, Russia was invited to link the Eastern zone of Germany with the federal republican arrangements evolved at Bonn. The Bonn constitution has been approved for the 45,000,000 Germans living in Western Germany. Residents of Eastern Germany number less than half that many.

The Western powers proposed the following principles should apply in a unified Germany:

1. Freedom from arbitrary arrest. Freedom of association, freedom of speech, press and radio.
 2. Freedom for all democratic political parties and of elections.
 3. Independence of the judiciary.
- It was suggested that application of those principles should be supervised by the four occupying powers.
- Further, the Western plan asked for the prohibition of all police formations exercising "political activity." This was in indirect reference to what Britain, the United States and France think is going on in the Russian zone of occupation.
- The suggested four-power occupation statute would turn over to the Germans all the powers of government except certain reserved functions, such as security matters and Germany's obligations. Control of those functions would be retained by the Big Four. A prepared statement on the western proposal made this point:

"The powers reserved would not be exercised in such a way as to prevent the German government from being granted steadily increasing freedom to associate peacefully in the economic and political, but not military, fields with European and other nations."

Signs Of Break In '4-Power Filibuster'

By Peter Inglis, European correspondent of the Southam Newspapers of Canada, and formerly a member of the editorial staff of the Victoria Daily Times. Published in this newspaper by special arrangement with the Vancouver Daily Province.

PARIS—As the foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, France and Russia returned to their pink marble palace on the Avenue Foch this afternoon for another session, the sixth of their present conference, there were signs of an approaching break in what a member of one delegation described Friday night as "a four-power filibuster."

Their three and a quarter hour sitting Friday evening had started out along the lines of the other: a restatement, for about the fifth time, by Andrei Vishinsky of Russia's plan for German unity under tight four-power control, criticism of that plan and requests for more detailed information by Dean Acheson and Robert Schuman. (Ernst Bevin did not speak.)

Then the mood changed. J. The west let it be known it is ready to submit a concrete plan of its own for Germany. Second, Mr. Vishinsky let it be known he is amenable to a certain amount of compromise.

As a result there is today renewed hope that the conference may achieve some sort of limited working arrangement for Germany, although there is still little chance of a full settlement.

Inclined To Compromise

Mr. Vishinsky, for his part, went what, for a Russian, is a fair way toward conciliation. He said that:

1. Russia's plan for Germany was based on "agreed documents" (presumably chiefly the Potsdam agreement), but this might have to be changed and he would like to hear his colleagues' suggestions for changing it.
2. Although his proposed Allied control commission must keep certain exclusive powers, an all-German state council would have important matters to deal with from the start and its scope could grow (previously

he had proposed it should be concerned only with economic, not political matters).

3. Perhaps the West might propose something else that would lighten the atmosphere surrounding Germany.

4. He was not himself one to yield easily, but his will was not necessarily decisive in this meeting, and amendments to his plan might be suggested which might prove acceptable.

This apparent conciliation does not involve any backing down from Russia's insistence on the "principle of unanimity" (the veto power), in the proposed control commission.

One Woman's Day \$2,500 Fire Damage To Old Home

By NANCY HODGES

HUBBIES AND HOBBIES

FROM SAN DIEGO comes the world-shaking intelligence of a growing tendency among the men in that part of the country to attend strictly to their own knitting.

"Hubbies" down there—and, in fact, all along the Pacific coast, we are told—are knitting one, purling one, and patiently producing hobby socks, the latest in fancy footwear.

These particular foot coverings apparently go one better than the diamond-patterned starters which currently clothe masculine ankles, as the San Diego knitters blossom out into much more modish designs, it seems.

SAILS AND SKIERS

A FORMER U.S. army major is responsible for this latest craze, and he has induced his followers, whose name seems to be legion—with a small "i"—to decorate their nether limbs with sporting subjects.

Sailboats, skiing, football, baseball and golf themes take shape on the needles of these nifty knitters, it is said. After which the major's claim that his male enthusiasts are taking it up in a big way can well be believed.

However, being familiar with the manipulations necessary to create even the gaudy diamond and lozenge patterns which bloom on male ankles these days, I would gladly give a cookie to see some husky son of Adam wrestling with the woolly intricacies of interpreting, say, a soccer scrum on a sock. To use the vernacular, it should certainly "sock 'em."

WHY SURPRISED

THE GALLANT MAJOR is said to have astounded his fellow soldiers overseas when he took out his wool and needles and went to work. But I can assure him that knitting is no new thing for soldiers.

One of my elder brothers, whose health broke down after years of service in India and the Middle East, whiled away the tedium of years in hospital by learning to knit.

But in those days fancy socks were considered "outré," and the ordinary kind offered no incentive to creative genius or deft fingers. So he concentrated on white shawls of exquisitely fine wool and lace patterns. And many an elderly maiden aunt and many an infant niece or nephew received them as gifts and were proud to wear them.

KNITTING BEES?

IN CONSEQUENCE, I shan't scoff at any of my male friends nor call them "sissies" if they decide to form knitting circles. At the same time, I can't promise to refrain from a little fun at their expense if they get too designing in the process.

And if erstwhile poker-players or bridge-hounds give up those diversions and take to knitting bees, I shall only be too glad to come to their assistance should they get into difficulties with dropped stitches during their post-prandial purl-and-plain sessions.

Who knows? With a little encouragement, potential fathers may yet be seen riding to work in the morning with their knitting bags, doing a little pick-up work en route in the shape of booties, coats and socks for the layette. And why not?

EMBROIDERY PLUS

TO THOSE "cunny-thumbed" males who might find it hard to master the mysteries of "slip one, knit one, pass the slipped stitch over..." I suggest they drop their knitting needles and take to sewing. If they are looking for a precedent, I can direct them to that tennis-playing, royal patriarch, King Gustav of Sweden.

About 10 days ago a Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., held special services to dedicate a handsome altar-cloth, exquisitely embroidered by the aged king. He started it this spring, as a special gift to the New York church that was founded by Swedish immigrants in April, 1874.

Such an outstanding example of masculine skill should stimulate sewing circles among Victoria menfolk—even if some may still prefer to stick to their own knitting and confine their attention to bobby-soxers—I beg your pardon, hobby-soxers!



Lieut. Thomas Moss (in upstairs window) works with other firemen to clean up inside mess after fire was extinguished.

About \$2,500 worth of damage was done by fire which swept through a two-story frame house named "Glenview" at 2358 Kilmeray Road, Calhoun Bay, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart W. Crickmay and their daughter, Jill, Friday afternoon. It was an old building.

When Saanich firemen arrived on the scene in response to a delayed alarm, they found flames shooting from the six-room house and great clouds of smoke.

The house is not considered a total loss. Fire Chief Joseph Law believes that the \$2,000-in-

surance carried on the building will take up the major portion of the repair bill. Two upstairs bedrooms and the bathroom escaped major damage. It is owned by R. T. Waymark, who is visiting Calgary.

No persons were hurt.

Firemen said preliminary efforts were made by those on hand to check the fire. Failing, they telephoned the fire department. Delay in sounding the alarm is said by fire officials to have lost precious minutes that could have been utilized to fight the blaze with proper equipment.

Firemen under Lt. Thomas Moss strung 1,000 feet of hose to combat the flames. Because of low water pressure in the area, firemen had to pump to get the water.

Most of the downstairs furnishings, all owned by Mr. Crickmay, were destroyed. Firemen protected upstairs furnishings from water damage with tarpaulins.

The fire originated, according to Chief Law, from a rubbish fire beside the northwest corner of the house.

Support Of Coalition Urged By Indian Brotherhood Head

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—Andy Paul, president of the North American Indian Brotherhood, is calling on the natives of British Columbia to support the Coalition in the provincial election June 15.

He issued a statement here Friday night and said he would call for Indian support against the C.C.F. opposition at a mass meeting Sunday.

Mr. Paul charged that the C.C.F. government in Saskatch-

wan had not given the Indians the unqualified franchise during its regime.

The B.C. Legislature, at its last session, gave the vote to the natives for the first time.

He said an offer of voting rights made to the Saskatchewan Indians in 1945 had been rejected by the Union of Saskatchewan Indians because they feared they would lose their treaty rights now operative under the Indian Act.

Minister Read Out Of Church Of Scotland

EDINBURGH (CP)—Rev. Sir George MacLeod, leader of a romantic religious community on Iona, a tiny island off Scotland's west coast, was read out of the Church of Scotland Friday.

At a solemn trial in its timbered meeting hall, the church's general assembly ruled that the island is outside its jurisdiction and Sir George is ineligible to hold office in the Church of Scotland.

Strong World Food Organization Needed To Halt Communism

OTTAWA (CP)—Lord Boyd Orr—hailed as "a true prophet of peace"—suggests the construction of a strong world food organization to halt the spread of Communism.

Organizer of the United Nations' food and agricultural organization and later director-general, the world-famed nutritionist spoke at a luncheon here given by the federal government. It was attended by more than 100 delegates to the International Federation of Agricultural Producers' conference, which will open in Guelph, Ont., May 31.

Lord Boyd Orr, familiarly known as Sir John Orr, warned the gathering that if there was not bolder action there would be no halt to Communism.

He labelled the Communist drive in China a "revolt against poverty."

Farmers were not getting an adequate return for their labor, he said. They had to be protected in the future against possible declining markets.

He said a firm international food policy must be established on these lines:

1. There must be international stabilization of farm prices.
2. Assurance that the farmers' markets do not suddenly burst, leaving farmers with huge surpluses and no place to sell them.
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Municipal Voting Today On School, Road, Drain Issues

Ratepayers of Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt are voting today on the school building by-law submitted in the city and View Royal last Thursday.

The by-law, to authorize the borrowing of \$180,000 as additional cost in erection of Topaz junior high school and View Royal elementary school, requires a three-fifths majority to pass.

Result of the voting will not be known until after 8 this evening when the municipal polls close.

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City and View Royal ballots will not be counted either until after 8 this evening.

AGGREGATE VOTE

The three-fifths majority required for passage will be taken on the aggregate vote.

Saanich and Oak Bay voters will cast ballots on other issues as well.

A second by-law in Saanich is for authorization to spend \$270,000 on road construction. Oak Bay ratepayers will vote on the question of spending \$60,000 on a comprehensive drainage project for the municipality.

The school by-law sets shares of additional costs of the new schools at \$28,285 for Oak Bay; \$31,000 for Saanich (within the school district), and \$9,075 for Esquimalt.

Polling stations are as follows:

Oak Bay—Municipal Hall on Oak Bay Avenue.

Esquimalt—Municipal Hall on Esquimalt Road and at 855 Craigflower Road.

Saanich — Ward One, Cedar Hill—School or 3099 Richmond Road; Ward Two, Tolmie School or Cloverdale School; Ward Three, Gordon Head School or Cadboro Bay Scout Hall; Ward Four, Marigold Scout Hall or 3890 Douglas Street; Ward Five, Royal Oak School or McMorran's Pavilion; Ward Six, Brentwood Women's Institute (small) Hall or Keating Temperance Hall; Ward Seven, Tillamook School or St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Hall.

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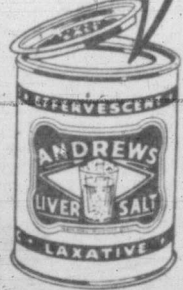
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Young Victoria Pianist Displays Superior Gifts

By AUDREY ST. D. JOHNSON
On Friday night, a Victoria audience had its first opportunity of appreciating to the full the remarkable musical gifts of one of the city's young artists, Denise Mara in piano recital was also saying farewell before going abroad for further study.

As Miss Mara filled the Victoria High School auditorium

with rich, powerful tone and the vital surging passages of the Beethoven C Major Sonata, Opus 2, or painted with equal skill the delicate impressionistic tones of Debussy's "Reflets Dans L'Eau," it became apparent that here was musicianship that dominated pianism. With top many concert artists the reverse is true, pianistic skill eclipsing musical qualities. But Miss Mara deserves the description "musician," even more than she does "pianist," and that does not slight her technical approach to her instrument, but places it in its proper relationship.

There was a maturity, a quiet concentration of mind and ear to be observed in her; she listened closely to the sounds she was making and one had the feeling that no slipshod or unthought phrase would ever come from her fingers. This close communion with music, the ability to produce tone in broad masses without the least sign of hardening, was especially rewarding in Bach, which she played unusually well. The Bach-Rummel "Jesus Christ, Son of God" was one of the major achievements on her program.

Miss Mara also ranked high as an interpreter of Chopin, playing a profound inner comprehension for the moody, plaintive rhythm and tempo of the romantic Pole. She was "pulled" by the music, rather than "pulling" it and her dynamic control resulted in virtuosity without flamboyance and singing passages that were crystal-clear and lovely.

With modesty and a wise intelligence as well as her superior gifts and training, Miss Mara is likely to go far. The concert was under the sponsorship of the Robert Burns McKicking Chapter of the I.O.E.E.

Request A.F.L. Head To Avoid Extending Deepsea Ship Strike

By Canadian Press

With 3,500 United Kingdom dockworkers already out in sympathy with the striking Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.), a British union official is scheduled to make an appeal to head off a possible boycott of British shipping in North American ports.

Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the British Transport and General Workers' Union, said in London Friday night that he would cable William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him to refrain from taking any action that would further aggravate the strike situation.

"I shall ask him to advise the affiliates of the A.F.L. that we are doing our best to bring the dispute to an end—and to get our people to carry out their work and unload Canadian ships," Deakin said.

"We do not regard the dispute as one in which we are concerned. It is a matter for the American unions to deal with."

On Friday, Green cabled Deakin's union a request not to support the Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) in its dispute with the rival Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) for control of deepsea shipping jobs.

Weather

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	36	41	12
Halifax	39	46	39
Montreal	44	56	36
Toronto	31	34	34
Winnipeg	30	33	36
Regina	30	33	36
Calgary	46	59	34
Edmonton	47	71	14
Kamloops	24	69	34
Vancouver	45	64	34
Prince Rupert	43	62	34
Saskatoon	51	65	34
Portland	53	69	34
Los Angeles	59	73	34
New York	53	64	34
Vancouver	49	60	34

"Build B.C. Payrolls"

Competition between sub-contractors had resulted in a slight lowering of house building costs, building contractors here said today.

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To Discuss Plans For Observance Of Air Force Day Here

The Victoria wing of the Air Force Association will discuss plans for Air Force Day when it meets at the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans' Club Monday night.

Air Force Day will be observed all across the country June 11. Dr. W. D. Marshall, president of the Victoria wing, said today attempts will be made to have an aerial display over the city on that date by aircraft from the R.C.A.F. station at Sea Island.

"We hope to have more than just a couple of jet planes overhead—we want to have a more complete display," he said.

The association may have a banquet or get-together the same evening, the president added.

Prizewinners at the Klondike Night held recently by the ex-airmen and ex-seaforces were Helen Strugnell, ladies' wrist watch for quiz contest; Val Kenney and A. Hillings, bon-bon dish for spot dance; Mrs. J. Fuller, \$10 for games and contests, and Mrs. D. Carmichael, \$5 for second prize in games and contests.

Miser's Fortune Found Hidden In Hot Water Boiler

MONTREAL (CP)—The story of a fortune of \$20,000, hidden in a rusty hot-water boiler by an aged man, came to light today, just a month after his death.

The money was mostly in small bills.

Revelation of the fortune, now deposited in a bank by the man's niece, was another strange aspect to the life of a strange, miserly man.

Joseph Napoleon Belanger was often seen on the streets of Montreal wearing old, shabby clothes, his shoes laced with wrapping string. He was known to many persons only as "Hot Dog," because he was always eating them.

Belanger died April 29 from injuries suffered when a two-story shed collapsed on him at the rear of his home on Hutchison Street. He had insisted on repairing the shed himself to save money.

Last October Belanger and his 35-year-old niece, Miss Alice Belanger, were nearly asphyxiated by gas fumes from a stove in their home. They both recovered after a long stay in hospital.

The niece said that in addition to the money found, it now is known her uncle had property valued at possibly more than \$150,000.

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Vancouver Island Turkey Eggs Flown To New Zealand, Scotland

The reputation of Vancouver Island turkey breeders as producers of outstanding stock is spreading far and wide.

C. E. Whitney-Griffiths, president of the Vancouver Island Turkey Improvement Association, reported today that Vancouver Island breeders of broad-breasted bronze turkeys have shipped thousands of hatching eggs and day-old poult to the prairie provinces. In addition air shipments were made this year to such far-away places as Takaka, New Zealand, and East Lothian, Scotland.

The availability of air transport to all producing centres on Vancouver Island has made it possible to have day-old poults delivered to prairie points within 24 hours of birth in the electric incubators on Vancouver Island.

A shipment of eggs from the flocks of Harry Gunter, Sandwick, holder of the 1948 British

Columbia Master Breeder Award and of William Argyle, East Wellington, and David E. Evans, Sandwick, was delivered to D. C. Watson & Sons, Prestwick, Scotland, within three days from the time the eggs were laid on the Vancouver Island farms.

The shipment was made by Trans-Canada Air Lines.

The broad-breasted bronze turkey, developed in British Columbia from a strain of English stock, is reported by Mr. Whitney-Griffiths, to be in demand by breeders in England, Scotland and other countries. United Kingdom breeders have indicated that they will make heavy imports when trade barriers are relaxed and dollars are available.

According to provincial agriculture department poultry inspectors shipments of turkey eggs and poults from Vancouver Island this year have been the heaviest in history.

Fire 'Bucket Brigade' Checks House Fire

Smoke observed by the gardener working next door and the quick action of his employer, saved the 2114 Marne Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mogridge from serious damage by fire this morning.

Oak Bay firemen quickly put out the fire, which had apparently been smouldering for hours in the parlor chestfield before breaking into open flames. Origin of the fire is not known.

The chestfield was a total loss. The carpet was damaged by fire and the room suffered smoke and some water damage.

Gardener Stanley Whittham was working in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. John Diment at 2106 Mairie and on seeing smoke coming from the Mogridge house at 9:50 reported it to Mr. Diment.

While the firemen were en route, Mr. Diment broke the

window and with buckets of water somewhat subdued the flames until the firefighters arrived to finish the job.

The dimmed domestic water supply was ignored when it was found that their boat, pulled up on the beach, was half-filled to make a handy "bucket brigade" supply in the emergency.

Former Olympic Star Accidentally Killed

VANCOUVER (CP)—A city employee and former Olympic bicycle star was killed Friday night in suburban Burnaby when he came in contact with a 60,000-volt power line.

Dead on arrival at hospital was Leo Marchiori, 51, of Vancouver. He was found by a British Columbia Electric Company employee, lying about 30 feet from a power tower carrying a line from the Stave Falls power plant.

Police said Marchiori was clearing brush land near Holdom and Broadway.

First indication of the accident was recorded when a short circuit occurred at Stave Falls.

Clark Says B.C. Deserves More Than High Taxes, Shortages

W. J. Clark, Union of Electors candidate in Victoria for the provincial general election, told a meeting this week that B.C., exceptionally rich in real wealth, should expect exceptional results, not high taxes, housing shortages and school shortages.

The government, he said, should be run more like a business and the electors on June 15 should return a group of men more in the nature of a board of directors, tell these men what their policy was and then see that these policies are carried out or the board replaced immediately.

The meeting, held at 1406 Douglas Street, was also addressed by Mrs. E. M. Bell and Mrs. Doris Loughheed, also Union of Electors candidates in Victoria.

"It has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are fast losing our democracy, our freedom, by means of the party system," said Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Loughheed said it seemed that some people were afraid the union of free electors candidates would split the vote and socialism would be the outcome.

"It is obvious," she said, "that we must fear all the parties and that the union of free electors offers an alternative."

Junior High Has Few Vacancies For September Opening

Greater Victoria school officials said today there are a limited number of vacancies at Central Junior High School for pupils who will enter grade 7 in September.

"Parents who wish children entering grade 7 to attend Central Junior High School should submit their request to the principal of the school at which their child is now attending," stated J. F. K. English, senior municipal inspector of Greater Victoria schools.

He said applications should be made as soon as possible if suitable arrangements for entry in September are to be completed, as vacancies are limited in number.

The junior high school offered an easy transition between the elementary and senior high schools. Junior high courses were of particular value to boys and girls planning commercial, technical or vocational careers.

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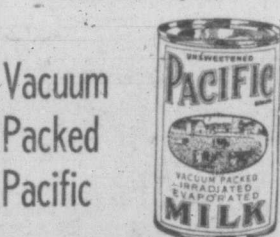
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